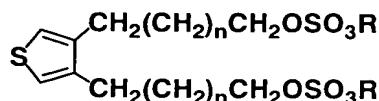


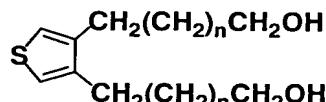
ABSTRACT

5 A sulfoalkylthiophene compound of the following formula [1] and a hydroxyalkylthiophene compound of the following formula [2], from which a useful  $\pi$ -conjugated conductive polymer monomer capable of oxidation polymerization can be provided:



[ 1 ]

10 (wherein R is a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom or an alkaline earth metal atom, and n is an integer of 1 to 3)



[ 2 ]

(wherein n is as defined above).